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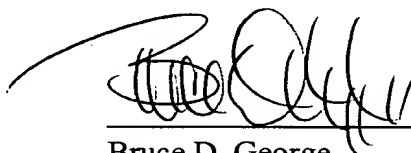
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the office communication issued March 1, 2004, the examiner states that applicant's reply, filed December 19, 2003, is not fully responsive to the prior office action because applicant has not included the replacement drawings stated as included in applicant's response at page 11, paragraph 1, under the section heading "Amendments to the Drawings." In applicant's response filed December 19, 2003, on page 11, paragraph 1, under the section heading "Amendments to the Drawings," applicant notes that three sheets of drawings including proposed revisions to Figs. 1, 2, and 4 are attached under Tab C.

Applicant submits herein seven (7) replacement sheets of drawings, including replacement drawings for Fig(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b and 7, (i.e., formal drawings replacing all of the figures of the application). The seven (7) sheets of replacement drawings, submitted herein, are formal drawings replacing the sheets of the originally filed application, including Fig(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6a, 6b and 7, and the red-line sheets, submitted with applicant's response filed December 19, 2003, including Fig(s) 1, 2, and 4. Applicant submits a complete set of formal drawings at this time to avoid the necessity to submit formal drawings upon allowance and payment of issue fee.

Accordingly, in light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that pending claims 1-13 and 16-35 (a total of 33 claims) are allowable and requests that examiner issue an early notice of allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney in the event that a telephone interview will advance prosecution of this application.

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